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SUBJECT: SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS AT
OVERSEAS POSTS

REF: STATE 21312

1. BECAUSE OF THE ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND THE EFFORT AT THIS POST, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SECURE THE CHANCERY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CONSULAR AREAS. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE PROXIMITY OF THE COMPLETION OF OUR NEW CHANCERY, MODIFICATIONS MADE TO THE PRESENT SPACE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE OUR MOVE TO THE NEW BUILDING WOULD BE IMMINENT. FOR REASONS OF PRACTICALITY, WE WOULD DEFER EXTENSIVE REMODELING AND HAVE ACTED TO INCREASE SECURITY BY UTILIZING AN ADDITIONAL ARMED GUARD IN THE RECEPTION AREA OF THE CONSULATE. THE POST WILL INSTALL REINFORCED ACCESS DOORS LEADING FROM THE ELEVATOR LANDING TO THE CONSULATE AND MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE DOOR SEPARATING THE CONSULAR SECTION FROM THE CHANCERY.

2. IF IT APPEARS THAT AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME WILL PASS BEFORE THE NEW OFFICE BUILDING BECOMES AVAILABLE, THE POST WILL CONSIDER ADDITIONAL MODIFICATIONS. THE VAST REQUIREMENTS WOULD ENTAIL THAT ALL PARTITIONS PRESENTLY SEPARATING THE CONSULAR STAFF FROM THE PUBLIC BE REPLACED WITH BRICK OR BLOCK WALLS; THAT ALL WINDOWS BE REPLACED WITH BANK-TELLER, BULLET PROOF WINDOWS; THAT DOORS BE INSTALLED OF SUITABLE STRUCTURE WHICH ONLY

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OPEN FROM ONE SIDE; THAT A BULLET-PROOF DOOR BE PLACED TO

SEGREGATE THE AREA HOUSING THE CONSUL GENERAL'S OFFICE
FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE CONSULAR SECTION AND THAT CER-
TAIN DOORS BE COMPLETELY SEALED OR COVERED OVER. IT WOULD
ALSO BE ADVISABLE TO HAVE A METAL DETECTOR OR SCREENING
CAPABILITY INSTALLED IN THE CONSULAR SECTION.
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